

Form **990**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2010**Open to Public  
Inspection**A** For the 2010 calendar year, or tax year beginning

and ending

**B** Check if applicable:

- ☐ Address change  
☐ Name change  
☒ Initial return  
☐ Terminated  
☐ Amended return  
☐ Application pending

**C** Name of organization

COMMISSION ON HOPE, GROWTH &amp; OPPORTUNITY

Doing Business As THE COMMISSION

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)

1900 M STREET, NW

Room/suite

600

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4

WASHINGTON, DC 20036

**F** Name and address of principal officer: STEVEN POWELL

SAME AS C ABOVE

**D** Employer identification number

27-1920168

**E** Telephone number

202-530-3332

**G** Gross receipts \$ 4,801,000.**H(a)** Is this a group return

for affiliates?

☐ Yes ☒ No**H(b)** Are all affiliates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)

**H(c)** Group exemption number ▶**I** Tax-exempt status: ☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c)( 4 ) (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527**J** Website: WWW.HOPEGROWTHOPPORTUNITY.COM**K** Form of organization: ☐ Corporation ☐ Trust ☒ Association ☐ Other ▶**L** Year of formation: 2010 **M** State of legal domicile: DC**Part I Summary**

Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: THE COMMISSION BELIEVES AND INTENDS TO INFORM THE AMERICAN PUBLIC THAT ECONOMIC EXPANSION IS		
	2	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	0	
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	0	
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2010 (Part V, line 2a)	0	
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	0	
	Revenue	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	0.
7b		Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	0.	
Expenses	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		4,801,000.
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)		0.
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		0.
	12	Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)		4,801,000.
	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)		0.
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0.
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)		0.
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0.
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-11j)		4,770,000.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	18	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)		4,770,000.
	19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12		31,000.
	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)		51,000.
22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20		20,000.	
				31,000.

**Part II Signature Block**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	Signature of officer	Date
	WILLIAM B. CANNFIELD JR GENERAL COUNSEL	11/14/11
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature
	JAMES D. WARRING, CPA	11/11/2011
Firm's name	Firm's address	Firm's EIN
	WARRING & COMPANY, LLC, CPAS	16528 EMORY LN, SUITE 300 ROCKVILLE, MD 20853-1228

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

☒ Yes ☐ No

032001 02-22-11 LHA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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SEE SCHEDULE O FOR ORGANIZATION MISSION STATEMENT CONTINUATION

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**Part III** Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III

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1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

THE COMMISSION WILL SHARE ITS RESEARCH AND FINDINGS WITH PUBLIC POLICY FORMULATORS AND WILL ENCOURAGE ITS SUPPORTERS TO COMMUNICATE THEIR VIEWS ON THE ISSUES OF CONSEQUENCE TO THE COMMISSION DIRECTLY WITH POLICY MAKERS AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT. THE COMMISSION WILL SEEK

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 0. including grants of \$ 0. ) (Revenue \$ 0. )  
N/A4b (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 0. including grants of \$ 0. ) (Revenue \$ 0. )  
N/A4c (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 0. including grants of \$ 0. ) (Revenue \$ 0. )  
N/A

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4e Total program service expenses

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**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A		X
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	X	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I		X
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		X
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I		X
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II		X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III		X
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV		X
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V		X
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI		X
b Did the organization report an amount for investments - other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII		X
c Did the organization report an amount for investments - program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII		X
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX		X
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X		X
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X		X
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII		X
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional		X
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV		X
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV		X
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV		X
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I		X
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II		X
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III		X
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		X
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach its audited financial statements to this return? Note. Some Form 990 filers that operate one or more hospitals must attach audited financial statements (see instructions)		

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**Part IV** Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	21	X
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	22	X
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	23	X
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25	24a	X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b	
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c	
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d	
25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25a	X
b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25b	X
26 Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II	26	X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III	27	X
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28a	X
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28b	X
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28c	X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	29	X
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	30	X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I	31	X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II	32	X
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I	33	X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1	34	X
35 Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35	X
a Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	36	
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI	37	X
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19?	38	X

Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O

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**Part V** Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax ComplianceCheck if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V ☒

	1a	1b	1c	2a	2b	3a	3b	4a	5a	5b	5c	6a	6b	7a	7b	7c	7d	7e	7f	7g	7h	8	9a	9b	10a	10b	11a	11b	12a	12b	13a	13b	13c	14a	14b	
1a Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable	2																																			
b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		0																																		
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?																																				
2a Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return		0																																		
b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file. (see instructions)																																				
3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?																																				
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O																																				
4a At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?																																				
b If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.																																				
5a Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?																																				
b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?																																				
c If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?																																				
6a Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?																																				
b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?																																				
7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).																																				
a Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?																																				
b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?																																				
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?																																				
d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year																																				
e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?																																				
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?																																				
g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?																																				
h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?																																				
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?																																				
9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.																																				
a Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?																																				
b Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?																																				
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:																																				
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12																																				
b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities																																				
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:																																				
a Gross income from members or shareholders																																				
b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)																																				
12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?																																				
b If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year																																				
13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.																																				
a Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.																																				
b Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans																																				
c Enter the amount of reserves on hand																																				
14a Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?																																				
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O																																				

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**Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure** For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI

☒**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

	Yes	No
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year	1a	0
b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	1b	0
2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2	X
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3	X
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4	X
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5	X
6 Does the organization have members or stockholders?	6	X
7a Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?	7a	X
b Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?	7b	X
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a The governing body?	8a	X
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	X
9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O	9	X

**Section B. Policies** (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

	Yes	No
10a Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a	X
b If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?	10b	
11a Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a	X
b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
12a Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a	X
b Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	
c Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	12c	
13 Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	X
14 Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	X
15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	X
b Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	X
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O. (See instructions.)		
16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a	X
b If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b	

**Section C. Disclosure**

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **NONE**

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply.  
☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public.

20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: **STEVEN POWELL - 202-530-3332**  
**1900 M STREET, WASHINGTON, DC 20036**

**Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VII**

☐ Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

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[illegible]

1b Sub-total	70,000.	0.	0.
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A	0.	0.	0.
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)	70,000.	0.	0.

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization 0

3	Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	3	X
4	For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	4	X
5	Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person	5	X

### Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
MERIDIAN STRATEGIES, LLC, 400 7TH STREET, NW, SUITE 300, WASHINGTON, DC 20004	MEDIA PLACEMENT	4,319,825.
MERIDIAN STRATEGIES, LLC, 400 7TH STREET, NW, SUITE 300, WASHINGTON, DC 20004	MEDIA PRODUCTION	275,000.
MERIDIAN STRATEGIES, LLC, 400 7TH STREET, NW, SUITE 300, WASHINGTON, DC 20004	ADVERTISING & TECHNOLOGY	105,175.

2	Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization	3
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**Part VIII** Statement of Revenue

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514
<b>Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts</b>	1 a	Federated campaigns	1a				
	b	Membership dues	1b				
	c	Fundraising events	1c	4801000.			
	d	Related organizations	1d				
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$					
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		4801000.			
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	2 a	Business Code					
	b						
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f	All other program service revenue					
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f					
	<b>Other Revenue</b>	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)				
4		Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
5		Royalties					
6 a		Gross Rents	(i) Real (ii) Personal				
b		Less: rental expenses					
c		Rental income or (loss)					
d		Net rental income or (loss)					
7 a		Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities (ii) Other				
b		Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses					
c		Gain or (loss)					
d		Net gain or (loss)					
8 a		Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a				
b		Less: direct expenses	b				
c		Net income or (loss) from fundraising events					
9 a	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a					
b	Less: direct expenses	b					
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
10 a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a					
b	Less: cost of goods sold	b					
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory						
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>			<b>Business Code</b>				
11 a							
b							
c							
d	All other revenue						
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d						
12	Total revenue. See instructions.		4801000.	0.	0.	0.	

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**Part IX** Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns.

All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages				
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes				
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management	20,000.		20,000.	
b Legal	50,000.		50,000.	
c Accounting				
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other	55,000.		55,000.	
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses				
14 Information technology	20,000.		20,000.	
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance				
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24f. If line 24f amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24f expenses on Schedule O.)				
a MEDIA PLACEMENT	4,319,825.		4,319,825.	
b MEDIA PRODUCTION	275,000.		275,000.	
c WEBSITE MAINTENANCE	25,000.		25,000.	
d ECONOMIC RESEARCH	5,000.		5,000.	
e COPYRIGHT FEES	175.		175.	
f All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	4,770,000.	0.	4,770,000.	0.
26 Joint costs. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720). Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

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**Part X Balance Sheet**

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	1	51,000.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	2	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	4	
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L	5	
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions)	6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net	7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use	8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	10c
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities	11	
	12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11	12	
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11	13	
	14 Intangible assets	14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	15	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	0. 16	51,000.	
<b>Liabilities</b>	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	17	20,000.
	18 Grants payable	18	
	19 Deferred revenue	19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities	20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D	21	
	22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L	22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties	24	
	25 Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D	25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	0. 26	20,000.
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.		
	27 Unrestricted net assets	27	
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	28	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.		
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds	0. 30	0.
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund	0. 31	0.
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	0. 32	31,000.
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	0. 33	31,000.
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	0. 34	51,000.	

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**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI ☐

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	4,801,000.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	4,770,000.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	31,000.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	0.
5	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	5	0.
6	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3, 4, and 5 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	6	31,000.

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII ☐

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		X
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?		X
c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.		
d If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		X
b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.		

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**SCHEDULE O**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on  
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.  
▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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**FORM 990, PART I, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:**

NECESSARY TO AMERICA'S ECONOMIC FUTURE AND THAT PUBLIC POLICY MAKERS  
MUST UNDERSTAND AND MAKE A COMMITMENT TO THIS PRINCIPLE. THE COMMISSION  
WILL ENGAGE ECONOMIST'S AND OTHER BUSINESS EXPERTS TO INFORM ITS  
UNDERSTANDING OF THE NECESSITY FOR SUSTAINED ECONOMIC GROWTH AND WILL  
BRING THE FRUITS OF THIS EXPERTISE AND RESEARCH DIRECTLY TO THE  
ATTENTION OF DECISION MAKERS AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT. THE  
COMMISSION WILL COMMUNICATE ITS PUBLIC WELFARE MESSAGE ON THE ISSUE OF  
SUSTAINED ECONOMIC EXPANSION TO THE PUBLIC THROUGH ALL FORMS OF MASS  
COMMUNICATION, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PRINT, ADVERTISING, CABLE  
TELEVISION AND RADIO MESSAGING, AS WELL AS E-MAIL AND DIRECT MAIL  
COMMUNICATIONS.

**FORM 990, PART III, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:**

THE COMMITMENT OF THESE POLICY MAKERS TO IMPLEMENT STATUTES, RULES AND  
REGULATIONS THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH FREE-MARKET PRINCIPLES AND THAT  
ADHERE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND EXPANSION.

**FORM 990, PART V, LINE 3B: N/A****FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 8A: N/A****FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 8B: N/A****FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11: N/A**

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19: INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT THE  
ORGANIZATION'S OFFICE LOCATION UPON REQUEST.

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- If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part II and check this box ☒ **X**

Note. Only complete Part II if you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part I (on page 1).

**Part II Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension of Time.** Only file the original (no copies needed).

Type or print  File by the extended due date for filing your return. See instructions.	Name of exempt organization	Employer identification number
	COMMISSION ON HOPE, GROWTH & OPPORTUNITY	27-1920168
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions.	
	1900 M STREET, NW, NO. 600	
City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions.		
WASHINGTON, DC 20036		

Enter the Return code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return) . . . . .

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Application Is For	Return Code	Application Is For	Return Code
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Form 990-BL	02	Form 1041-A	08
Form 990-EZ	03	Form 4720	09
Form 990-PF	04	Form 5227	10
Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	05	Form 6069	11
Form 990-T (trust other than above)	06	Form 8870	12

**STOP! Do not complete Part II if you were not already granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.**

STEVEN POWELL

- The books are in the care of **1900 M STREET - WASHINGTON, DC 20036**

Telephone No. **202-530-3332**

FAX No. **202-530-3332**

- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box ☐
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) **1000**. If this is for the whole group, check this box ☐. If it is for part of the group, check this box ☐ and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for.

4 I request an additional 3-month extension of time until **NOVEMBER 15, 2011.**

5 For calendar year **2010**, or other tax year beginning **1/1/10**, and ending **12/31/10**.

6 If the tax year entered in line 5 is for less than 12 months, check reason: ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return  
☐ Change in accounting period

7 State in detail why you need the extension

**ADDITIONAL TIME IS NEEDED TO GATHER THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO FILE A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE RETURN.**

8a	If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	8a	\$	0.
b	If this application is for Form 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit and any amount paid previously with Form 8868.	8b	\$	0.
c	Balance due. Subtract line 8b from line 8a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	8c	\$	0.

**Signature and Verification**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this form, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete, and that I am authorized to prepare this form.

Signature **W. B. Powell** Title **GENERAL COUNSEL** Date **11/14/11**

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